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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/500,791	Applicant(s) SEVILLEJA-PEREZ ET AL.	
	Examiner Vu Q. Nguyen	Art Unit 3683	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/02/2004, 07/06/2004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-11 are objected to because of the following informalities: in independent claims 1 and 9, "first and second brake plates being independently **actuatable**" should be --first and second brake plates being independently **actuatable**--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

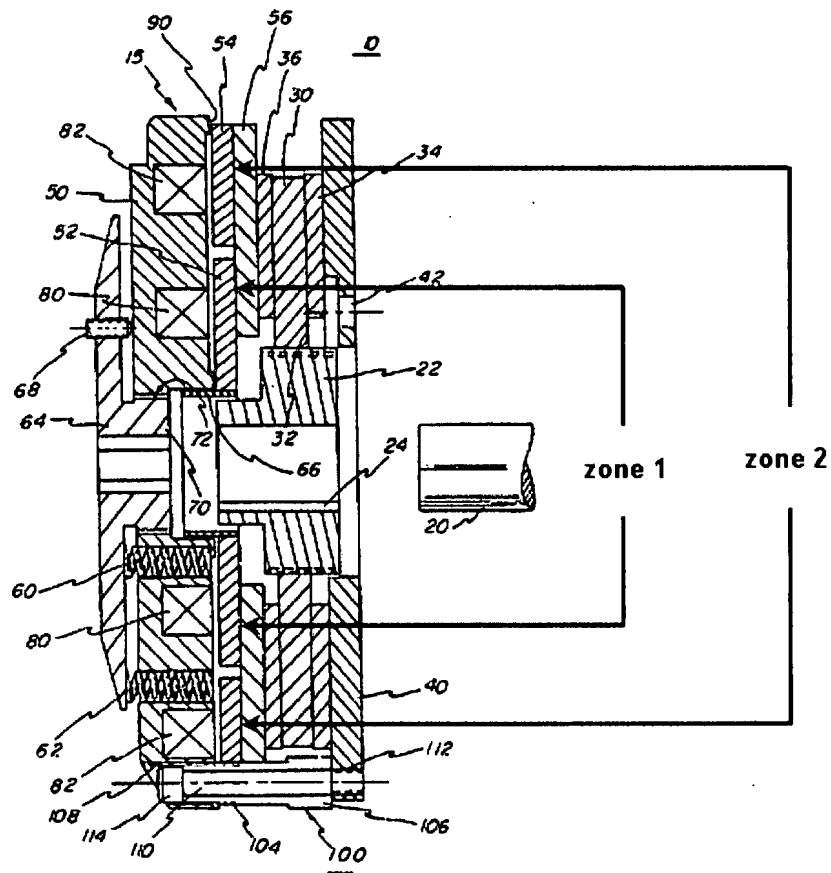
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5057728 (Dammeyer et al.).

Regarding claim 1, Dammeyer et al. disclose a brake (capable of use with an elevator), comprising: a rotor (30); movable first and second brake plates (52, 54), the first and second brake plates being independently actuatable (column 3, line 46 - column 4, line 20) into engagement with a different one of two zones (as broadly recited, see figure below) on one side (left side, Fig. 3) of the rotor.



Regarding claim 2, see stationary housing 40 and column 3, lines 31-37.

Regarding claim 3, see rear brake lining 34 and column 3, lines 31-37.

Regarding claim 4, see first and second springs 60, 62 and independently actuatable first and second electromagnets 80, 82.

Regarding claim 5, see Figs. 1 and 2 and figure above.

Regarding claim 6, see front brake lining 36 and figure above.

Regarding claim 7, see Fig. 1 and the non-integral front brake lining 36 with portions disposed (as broadly recited) on each of the concentric annular zones (see figure above).

Regarding claim 8, see Fig. 1 and the generally semi-annular braking surfaces (first and second halves) of the first and second brake plates 52, 54 that oppose different sectors of the rotor 30 (as broadly recited).

Regarding claims 9-11, the claims are rejected for at least the same reasons as set forth above.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: U.S. Patent No. 5699883, U.S. Patent No. 6211590, U.S. Patent No. 6675939.

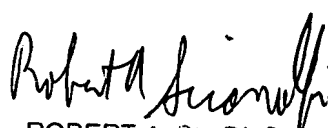
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7921. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM to 8:00 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi can be reached on (571) 272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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